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DEFINITIONAL MISSION OF ROBERT B. MITCHELL

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1. FCDA EXEC. SEC. EBONG REQUESTS THAT PROFESSOR ROBERT B. MITCHELL COME TO LAGOS NEAR FUTURE FOR NO MORE THAN THREE WEEKS TO ASSESS FCDA SITUATION AND MISSION, ALONG LINES DISCUSSED REFTELS AND CORRESPONDENCE. AS FOR USGS EXPORTS, EBONG SUGGESTS NO SPECIFIC DATES EXCEPT TO NOTE HE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN SEPTEMBER 15-20. EBONG RESPONSE THIS MATTER DELAYED AS HE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN COPY MITCHELL BACKGROUND. HE HAD HOPED FOR SOMEONE WITH ACTUAL EXPERIENCE BUILDING NEW TOWN OR CAPITAL.

2. COMMENT: DIFFICULT ESTIMATE HOW LONG MITCHELL SHOULD STAY BUT WE WOULD GUESS TWO WEEKS SHOULD DO. BASICALLY, EBONG NEEDS SOMEBODY TO TALK TO ABOUT HIS PLANS. SUGGEST MITCHELL COME PRIOR EBONG'S SEPTEMBER TRIP RATHER THAN AFTER. PLEASE ADVISE ESTIMATED DATES EARLY SO WE CAN ASSURE FCDA WILL BE PREPARED. ALSO ADVISE IF ANYTHING NEEDED FROM EBONG TO OBTAIN VISA WASHINGTON. CAHILL

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